

Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Title: DEVICE-SPECIFIC FIREWALL

REMARKS

The following Remarks are made in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 8, 2008, in which claims 1, 5, 8-12, 15-17, 20, 21, and 24-34 were rejected. Claims 2-4, 6-7, 13-14, 18-19, and 22-23 were previously cancelled without prejudice.

With this Amendment, claim 24 has been amended to correct antecedent basis.

Claims 1, 5, 8-12, 15-17, 20, 21, and 24-34, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, the Examiner notes that the limitation "the printing system" lacks antecedent basis.

With this Amendment, claim 24 has been amended to correct antecedent basis.

Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 5, 8-12, 15-17, 20, 21, 26-28, and 30-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rourke et al. US Patent No. 5,077,795 further in view of Docter et al. US Patent No. 6,330,610.

Claims 24, 25, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rourke et al. US Patent No. 5,077,795 and Docter et al. US Patent No. 6,330,610 further in view of Kawamura US Patent No. 5,731,882.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Independent claim 1 includes **"a filtering program stored in a memory device or firmware of said printer and associated with said processor so as to evaluate a file received at said printer and control printing of said file by said printing component based on at least one prespecified characteristic from a packet including said file,"** wherein **"if said at least one prespecified characteristic is an undesirable characteristic, processing of said file by said printer is terminated and printing of said file by said**

printer is prevented," and wherein "if said at least one prespecified characteristic is a desirable characteristic, processing of said file by said printer proceeds and printing of said file by said printer is conducted."

Independent claim 11 includes **"controlling processing of said at least one file of said printing packet by said printer based on said evaluating, including preventing processing and printing of said at least one file by said printer if said at least one prespecified characteristic is an undesirable characteristic, and permitting processing and printing of said at least one file by said printer if said at least one prespecified characteristic is a desirable characteristic."**

Independent claim 20 includes **"a filtering program associated with said processor so as to evaluate said at least one file at said printer and control printing of said at least one file by said printer based on at least one prespecified characteristic from a packet including said at least one file," wherein "printing of said at least one file by said printer is prevented if said at least one prespecified characteristic is an undesirable characteristic," and wherein "printing of said at least one file by said printer is conducted if said at least one prespecified characteristic is a desirable characteristic."**

With respect to the Rourke, Docter, and Kawamura patents, Applicant submits that these patents, individually or in combination, do not disclose a printer as claimed in independent claim 1, do not disclose a method as claimed in independent claim 11, and do not disclose a system as claimed in independent claim 20 including evaluating a file at a printer and controlling printing of the file by the printer based on a prespecified characteristic from a packet including the file, wherein processing of the file by the printer is terminated and/or printing of the file by the printer is prevented if the prespecified characteristic is an undesirable characteristic, and wherein processing of the file by the printer proceeds and/or printing of the file by the printer is conducted if the prespecified characteristic is a desirable characteristic.

For example, the Docter patent provides a system capable of filtering data in multiple stages, with each stage of filtering using different filtering criteria (col. 1, lines 7-9). More specifically, the Docter patent provides that in a first stage, data filtering can be performed by a server (i.e., a first device) using non-private filtering criteria wherein the data that passes through the filter at the first stage continues to another data filter at a second stage such that

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the second stage of filtering may be performed by a client or a more trusted server (i.e., a second device), thereby allowing filtering criteria containing private information about the user or organization (col. 3, lines 6-13). The Docter patent, however, does not disclose evaluating a file at a printer and controlling printing of the file by the printer based on a prespecified characteristic from a packet including the file, wherein processing of the file by the printer is terminated and/or printing of the file by the printer is prevented if the prespecified characteristic is an undesirable characteristic, and wherein processing of the file by the printer proceeds and/or printing of the file by the printer is conducted if the prespecified characteristic is a desirable characteristic, as claimed in independent claims 1, 11, and 20.

In view of the above, Applicant submits that independent claims 1, 11, and 20, and the dependent claims depending therefrom, are each patentably distinct from the Rourke, Docter, and Kawamura patents and, therefore, are each in a condition for allowance. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 1, 5, 8-12, 15-17, 20, 21, and 24-34 be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1, 5, 8-12, 15-17, 20, 21, and 24-34 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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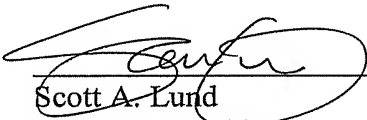
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